MARVEL

ULTIMATE X-MEN

PEACH MOMOKO

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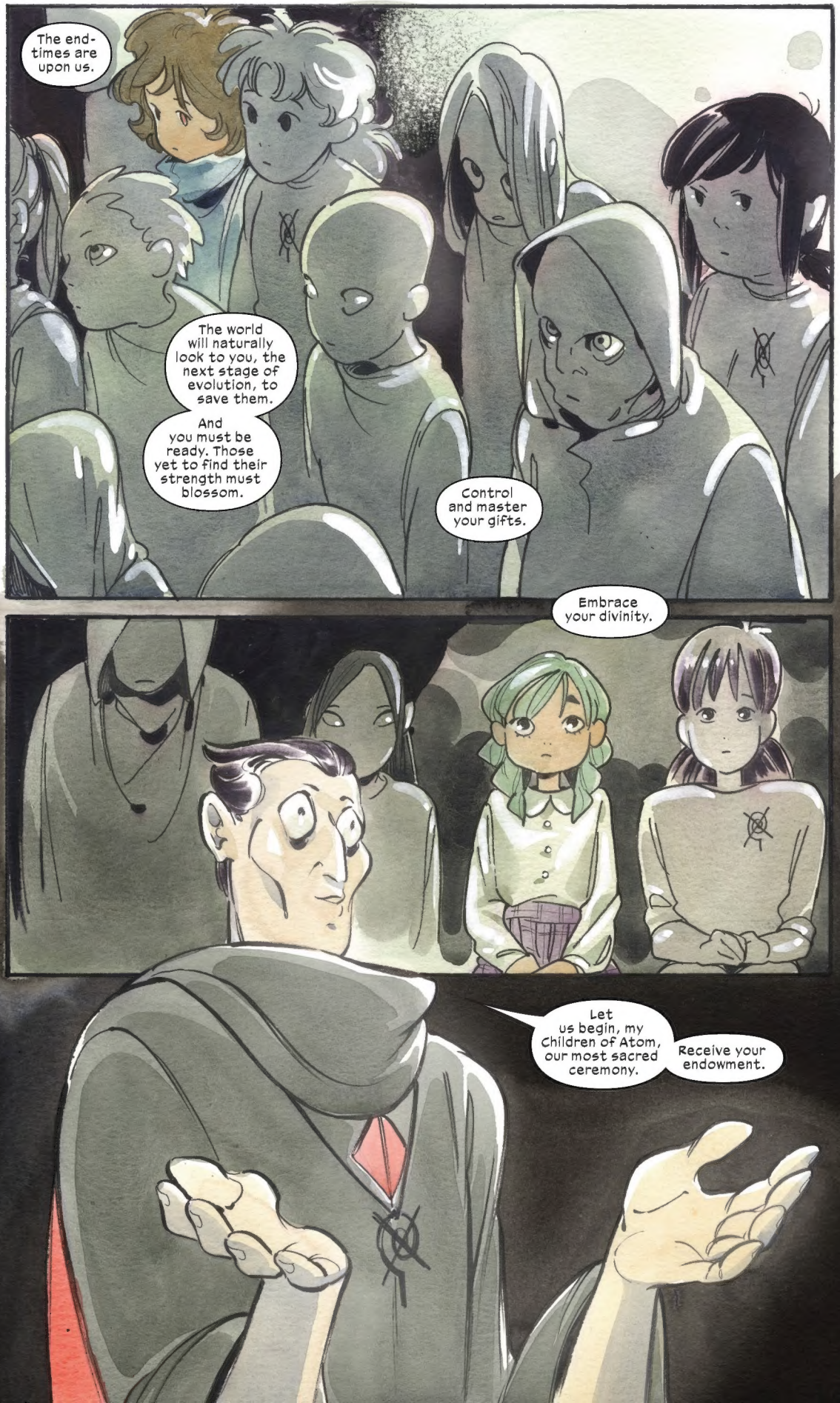
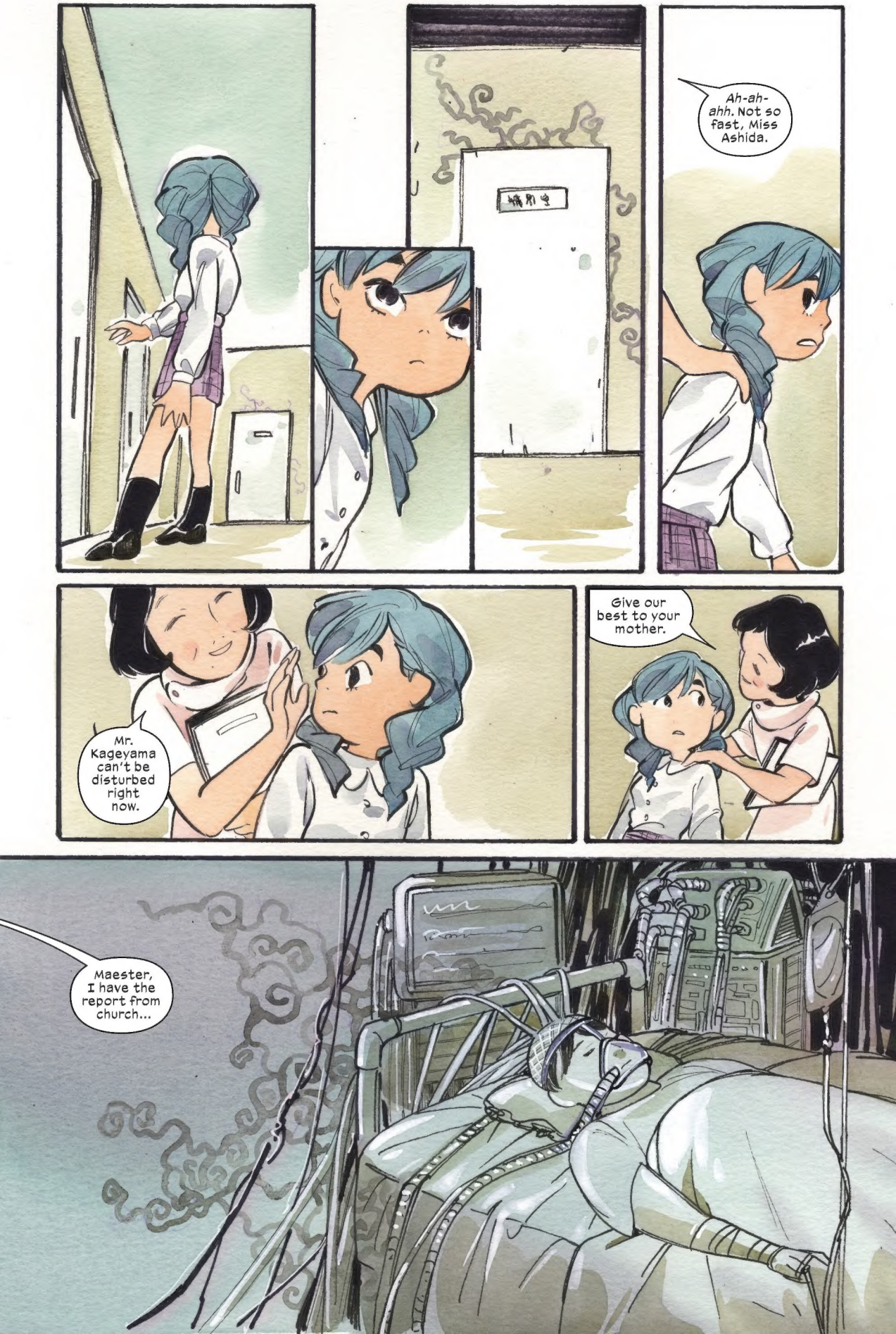
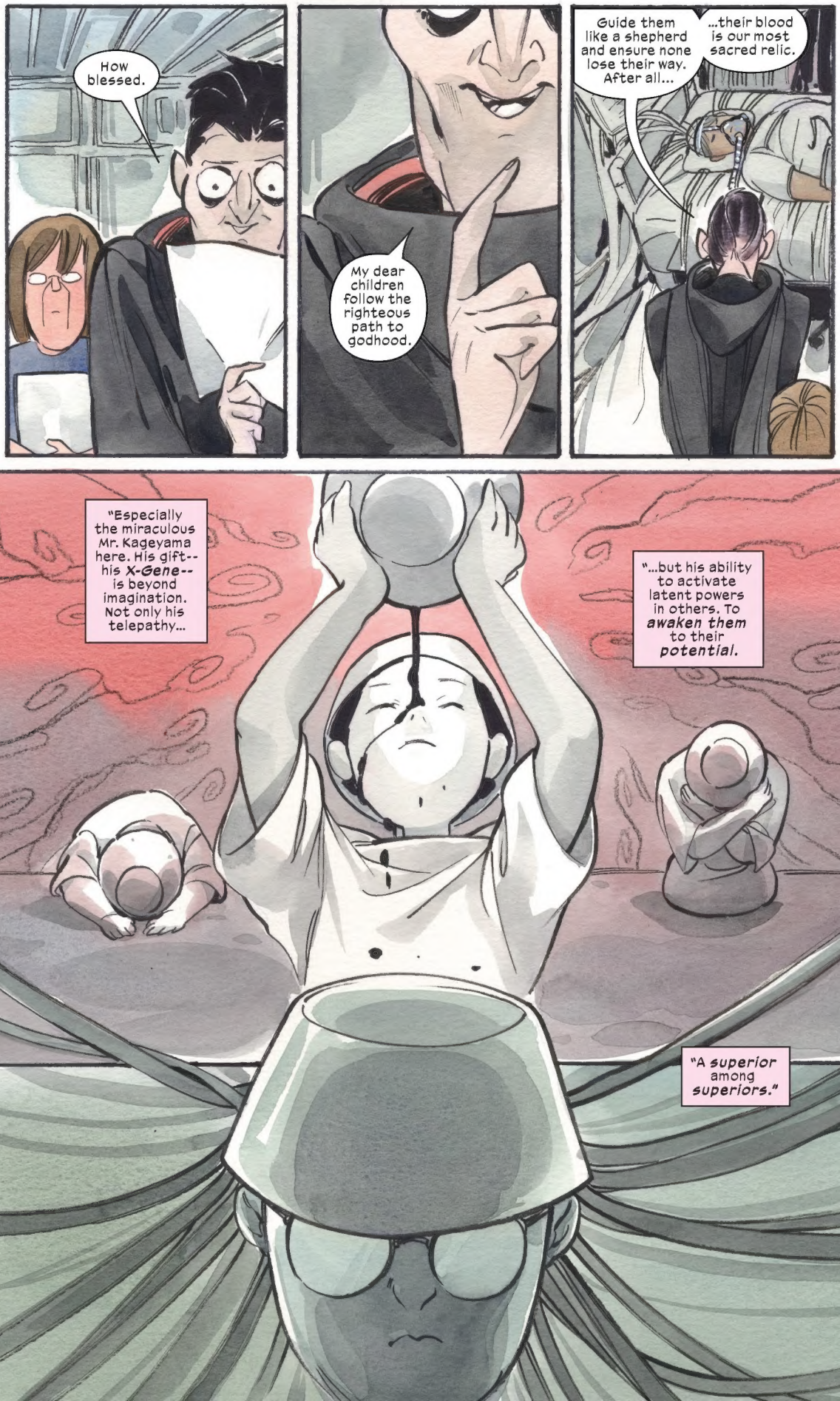
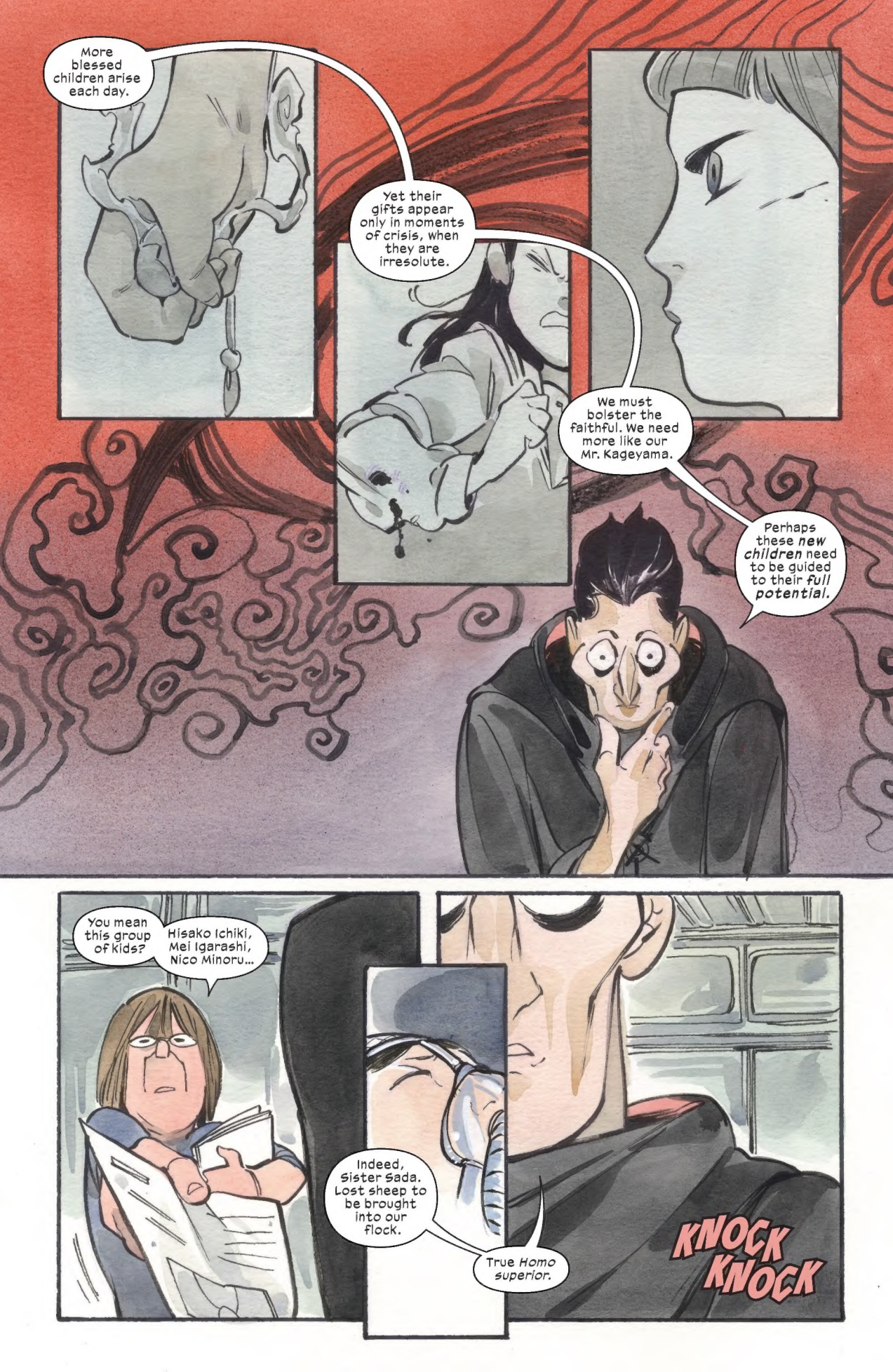
TEMPLE OF THE REVEALED X.
CHILDREN OF THE ATOM.
Homo superior!!!
In the name of the Testament of X...
...I, your Maester, have devoted my life to you as your humble servant. Ensuring your joy and equality, my Children of the Atom.
But like all children, you have outgrown your parent. The time has come to reveal your genetic superiority and revel in your powers.
To become truly free!!!

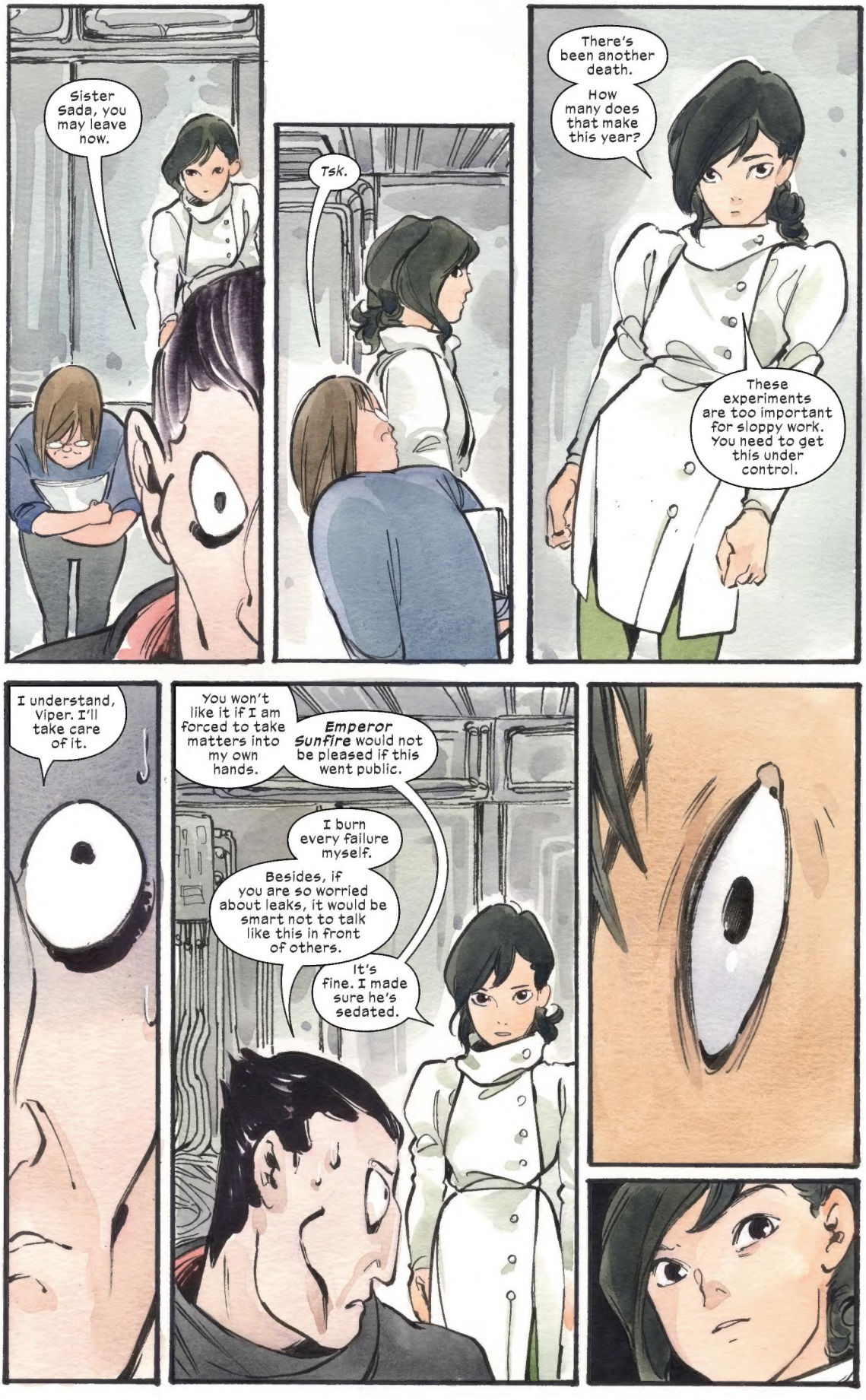

The end-times are upon us.
The world will naturally look to you, the next stage of evolution, to save them.
And you must be ready. Those yet to find their strength must blossom.
Control and master your gifts.
Embrace your divinity.
Let us begin, my Children of Atom, our most sacred ceremony.
Receive your endowment.

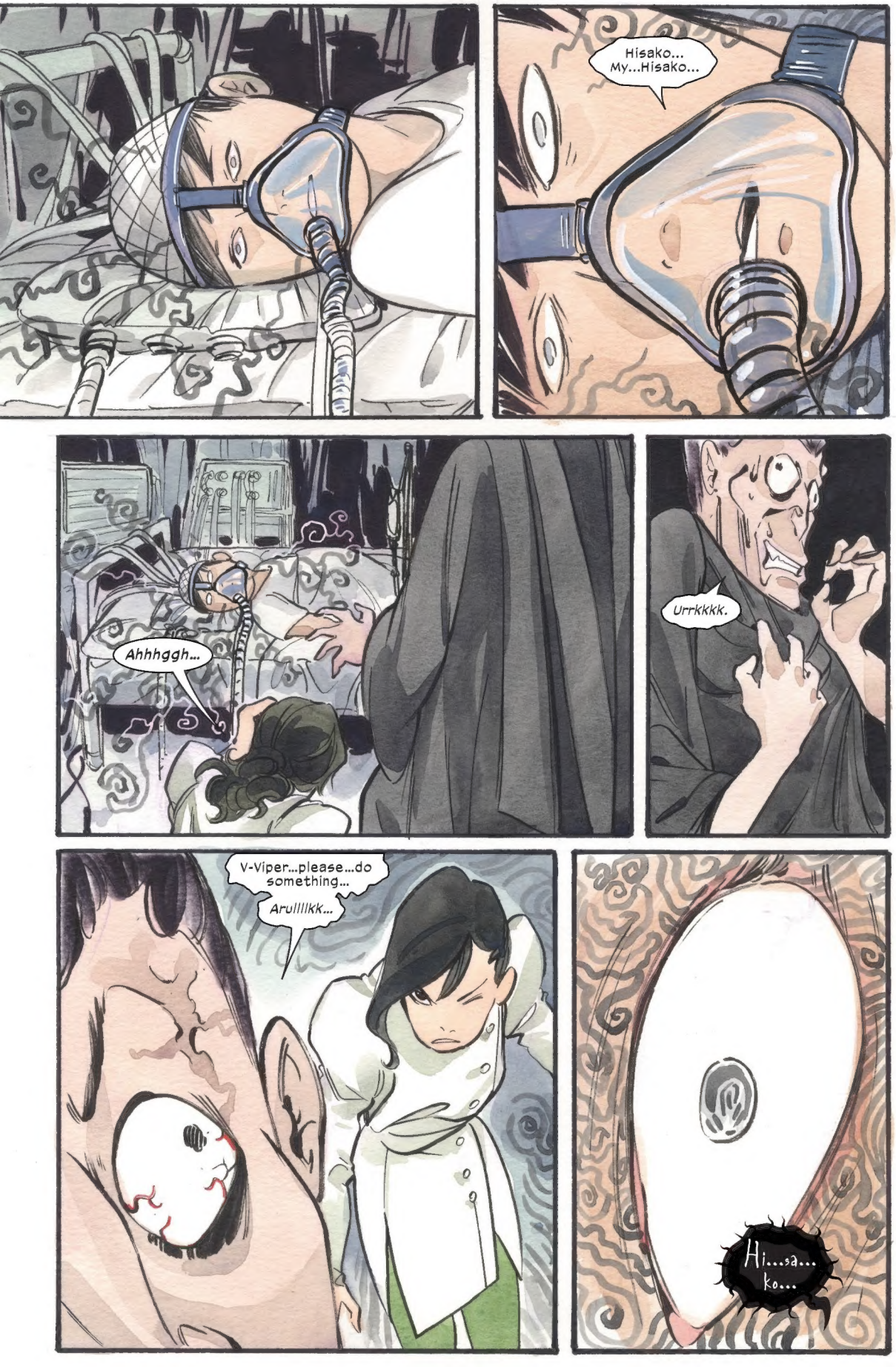
スマホ禁止!!
Use of Phones Prohibited
Miss Ashida. Please come in.
How are we feeling these days? Everything good?
Yep.
Have we been using our gifts?
Sometimes...
And are we experiencing any side effects?
Nothing special, I guess...
If anything changes, tell your mother right away. We can't be too careful.
Oh, and by the way...
I'll be taking that phone, please. You're well aware they are prohibited in this area.

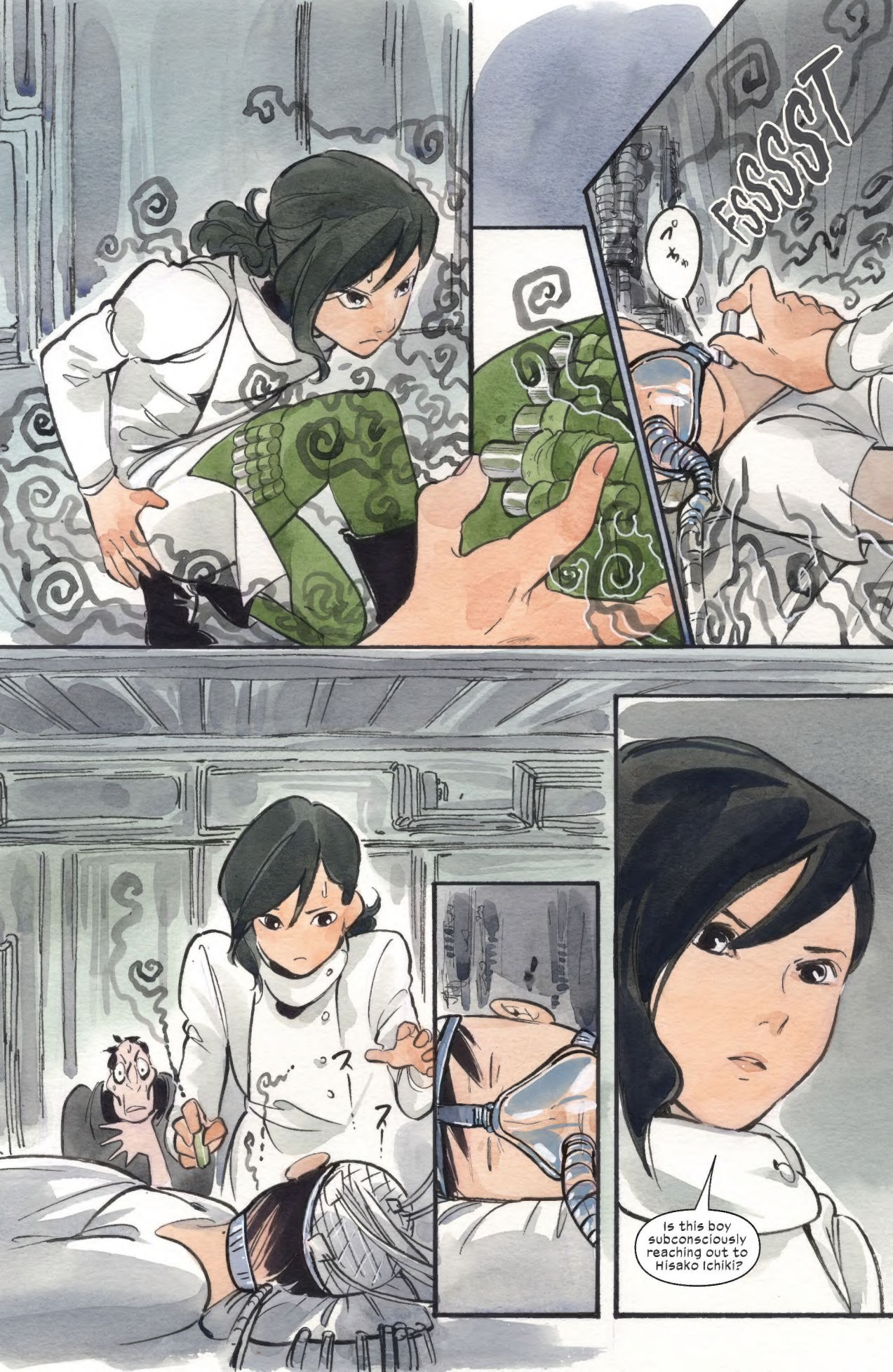

Ah-ah-ahh. Not so fast, Miss Ashida.
Mr. Kageyama can't be disturbed right now.
Give our best to your mother.
Maester, I have the report from church...


How blessed.
My dear children follow the righteous path to godhood.
Guide them like a shepherd and ensure none lose their way. After all...
...their blood is our most sacred relic.
"Especially the miraculous Mr. Kageyama here. His gift--his X-Gene--is beyond imagination. Not only his telepathy...
"...but his ability to activate latent powers in others. To awaken them to their potential.
"A superior among superiors."


More blessed children arise each day.
Yet their gifts appear only in moments of crisis, when they are irresolute.
We must bolster the faithful. We need more like our Mr. Kageyama.
Perhaps these *new children* need to be guided to their *full potential.*
You mean this group of kids?
Hisako Ichiki, Mei Igarashi, Nico Minoru...
Indeed, Sister Sada. Lost sheep to be brought into our flock.
True *Homo superior.*
KNOCK KNOCK


Sister Sada, you may leave now.
Tsk.
There's been another death.
How many does that make this year?
These experiments are too important for sloppy work. You need to get this under control.
I understand, Viper. I'll take care of it.
You won't like it if I am forced to take matters into my own hands.
Emperor Sunfire would not be pleased if this went public.
I burn every failure myself.
Besides, if you are so worried about leaks, it would be smart not to talk like this in front of others.
It's fine. I made sure he's sedated.


Hisako... My...Hisako...
Ahhhggh...
Urrkkkk.
V-Viper...please...do something...
Arullllkk...
Hi...sa... ko...


FSSSST
Is this boy subconsciously reaching out to Hisako Ichiki?

IRODORI HIGH SCHOOL.
NEW SEMESTER.
Are you going to tonight's Jugoya Matsuri?
The full-moon harvest festival? I don't know.
Come on, we can go together! It'll be fun!
Maybe...
I wonder if Nico got any answers from Natsu.
No clue. I kinda spaced on that.
Hey!

Hello? Excuse you?!
Soooo... Jugoya Matsuri? Whaddya say?
Oh, come on! After all the fights we've been in, you're not gonna say that hurt, are you?!
It's not that.
I feel like this red...power? Whatever it is, it's getting stronger.
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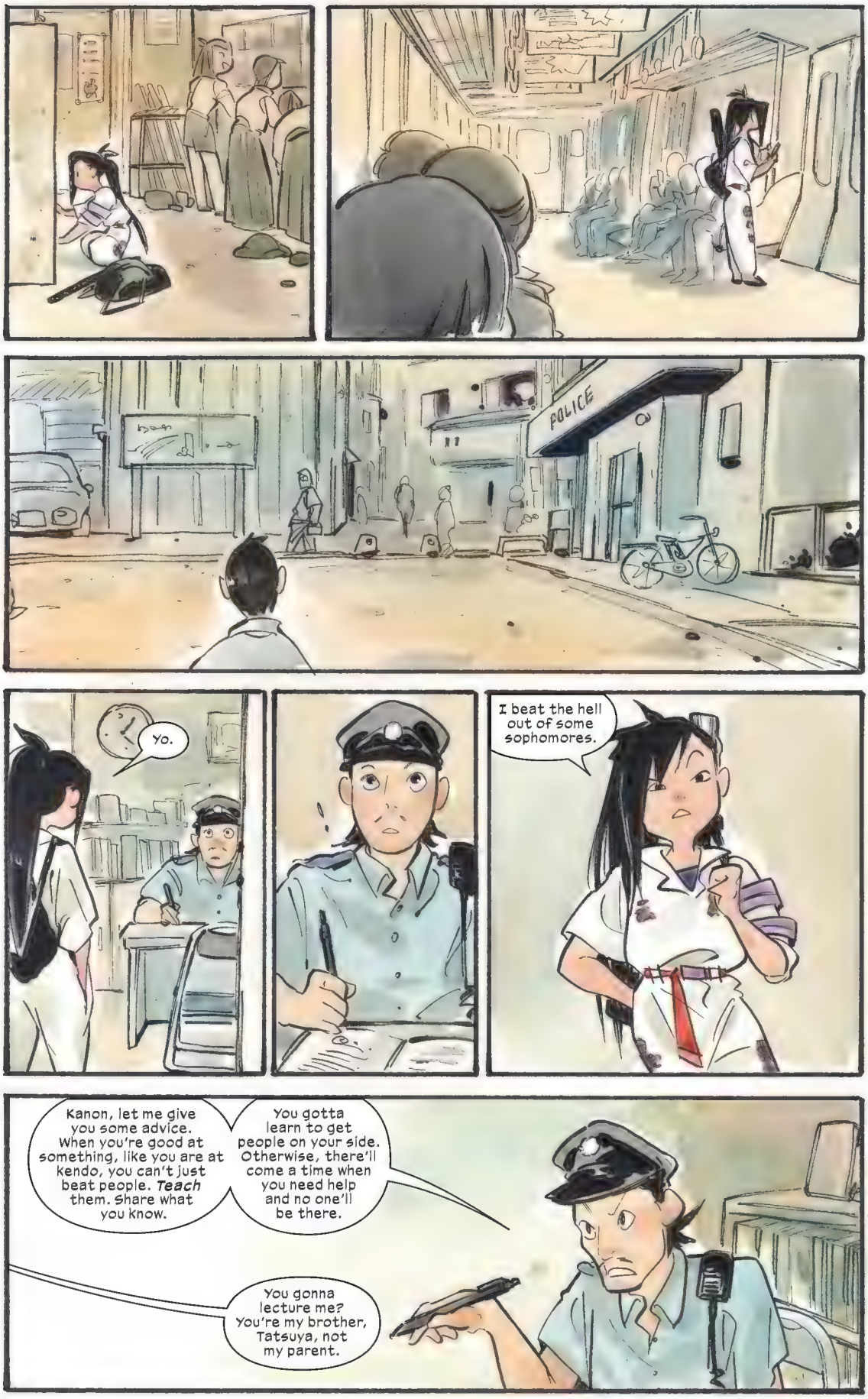
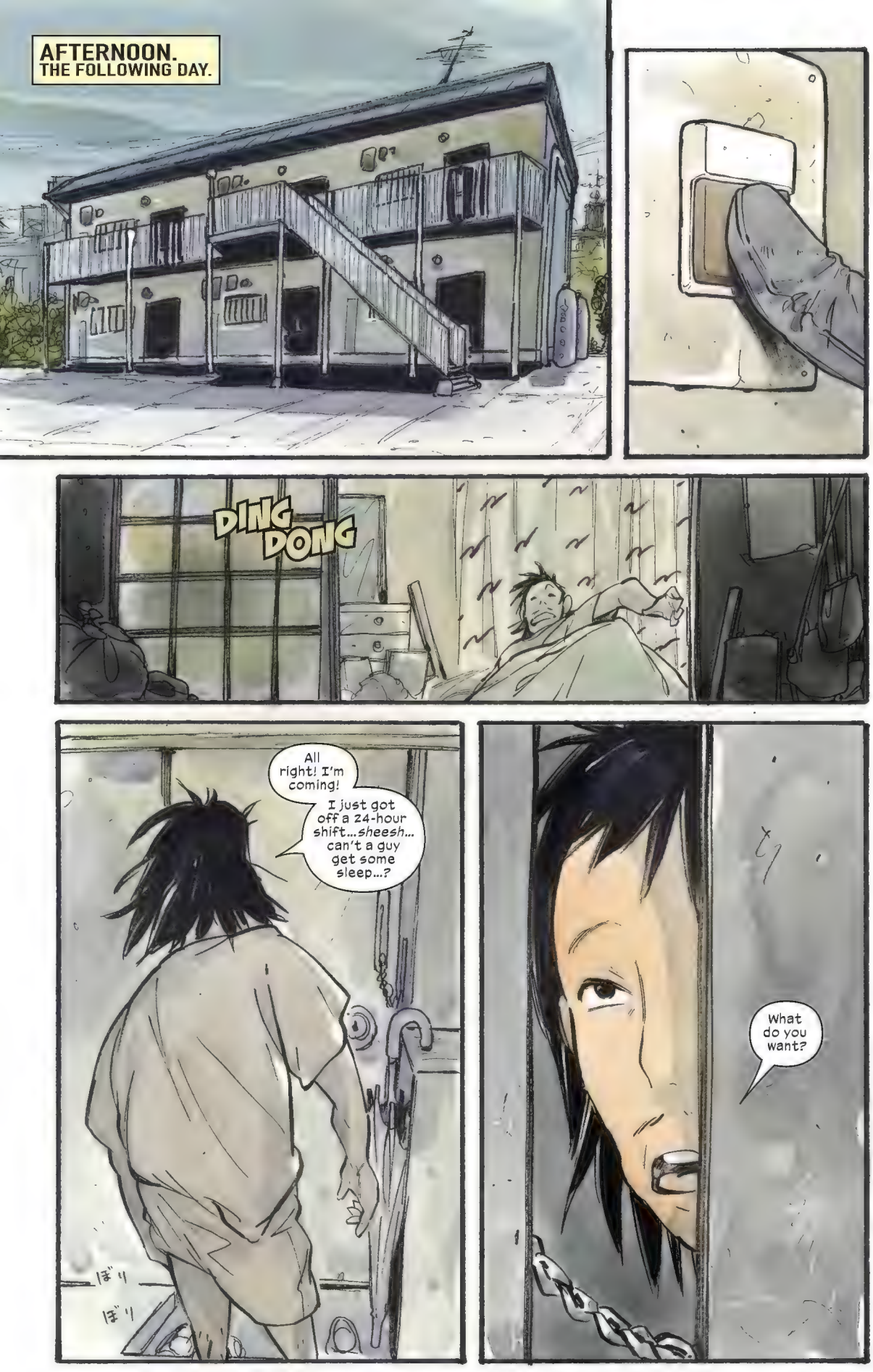
Enough, Kanon! Maitta! You win!


POLICE
Yo.
I beat the hell out of some sophomores.
Kanon, let me give you some advice. When you're good at something, like you are at kendo, you can't just beat people. *Teach* them. Share what you know.
You gotta learn to get people on your side. Otherwise, there'll come a time when you need help and no one'll be there.
You gonna lecture me? You're my brother, Tatsuya, not my parent.

Go home, Kanon. I'm busy. I don't have time to babysit you.
Excuse me...
Yes, ma'am. How can I help?
I go fer walks on th' Arakawa River. Been doing it fer years.
Been seeing a beat-up suitcase on a riverbank fer the past few days...
♪Intriguing♪
If you let me know the specific location, I'll check on it personally.
We appreciate your diligence in keeping our city clean.
Will you go home already? It's getting dark.
Don't follow me!!!

Sheesh, you got some stamina, sis. Since you're here, make yourself useful and help me find this suitcase.
Just don't...touch it if you find it.
Okay, we've been looking for like an hour. Is it even--?
Would you look at that.
Oh no...that smell--
Kanon!!! Don't open it!

No way...
Is that...a body?
Ullllrrrrrkkkk...
KLIK


AFTERNOON.
THE FOLLOWING DAY.
DING DONG
All right! I'm coming!
I just got off a 24-hour shift...*sheesh*... can't a guy get some sleep...?
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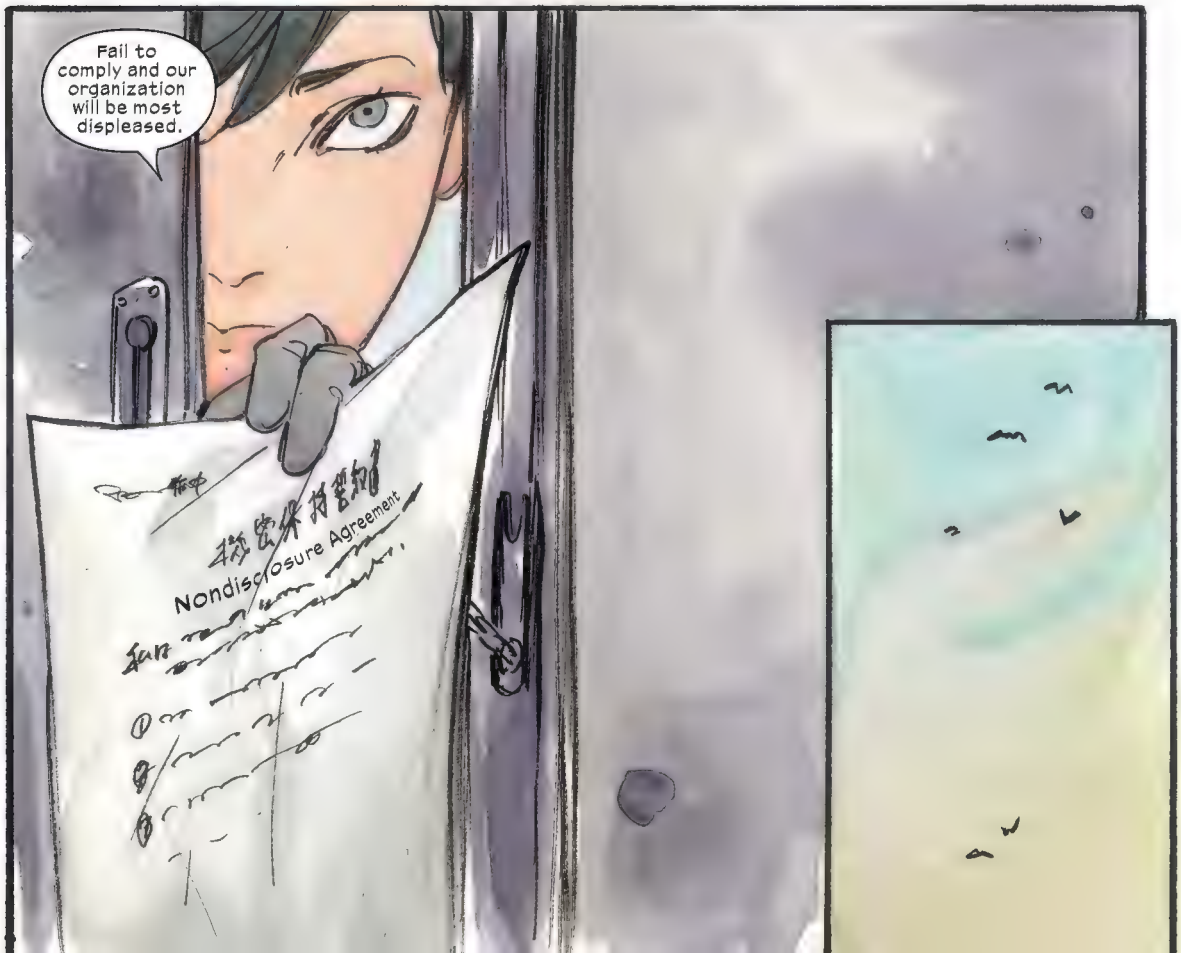
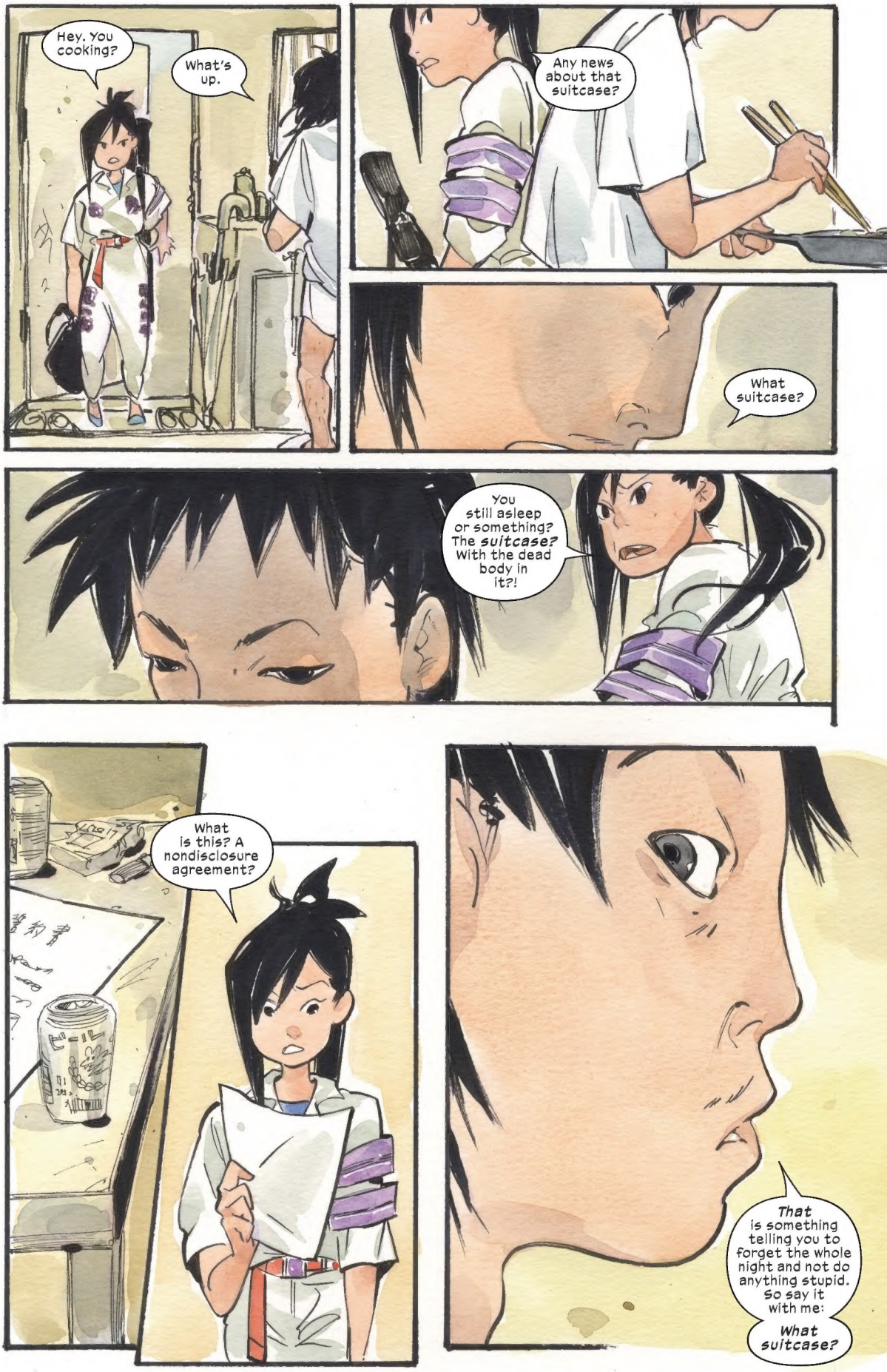
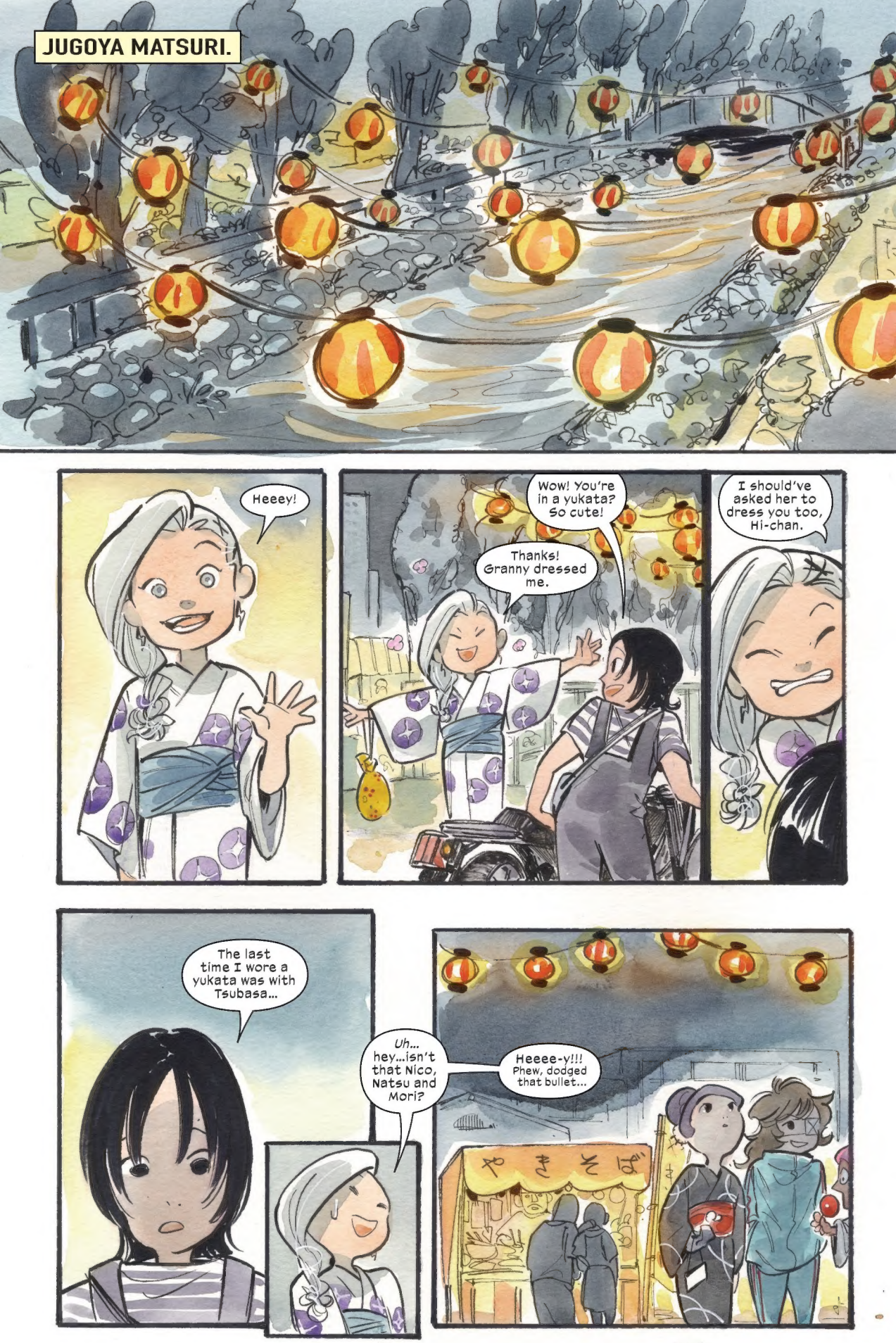
What do you want?

Tatsuya Sainouchi?
That's me...
Your superiors informed us you found something of ours. We've retrieved it. You will sign here.


Fail to comply and our organization will be most displeased.
秘密保持契約
Nondisclosure Agreement


Hey. You cooking?
What's up.
Any news about that suitcase?
What suitcase?
You still asleep or something? The *suitcase?* With the dead body in it?!
What is this? A nondisclosure agreement?
That is something telling you to forget the whole night and not do anything stupid. So say it with me:
What suitcase?


JUGOYA MATSURI.
Heeey!
Wow! You're in a yukata? So cute!
Thanks! Granny dressed me.
I should've asked her to dress you too, Hi-chan.
The last time I wore a yukata was with Tsubasa...
Uh... hey...isn't that Nico, Natsu and Mori?
Heeee-y!!! Phew, dodged that bullet...
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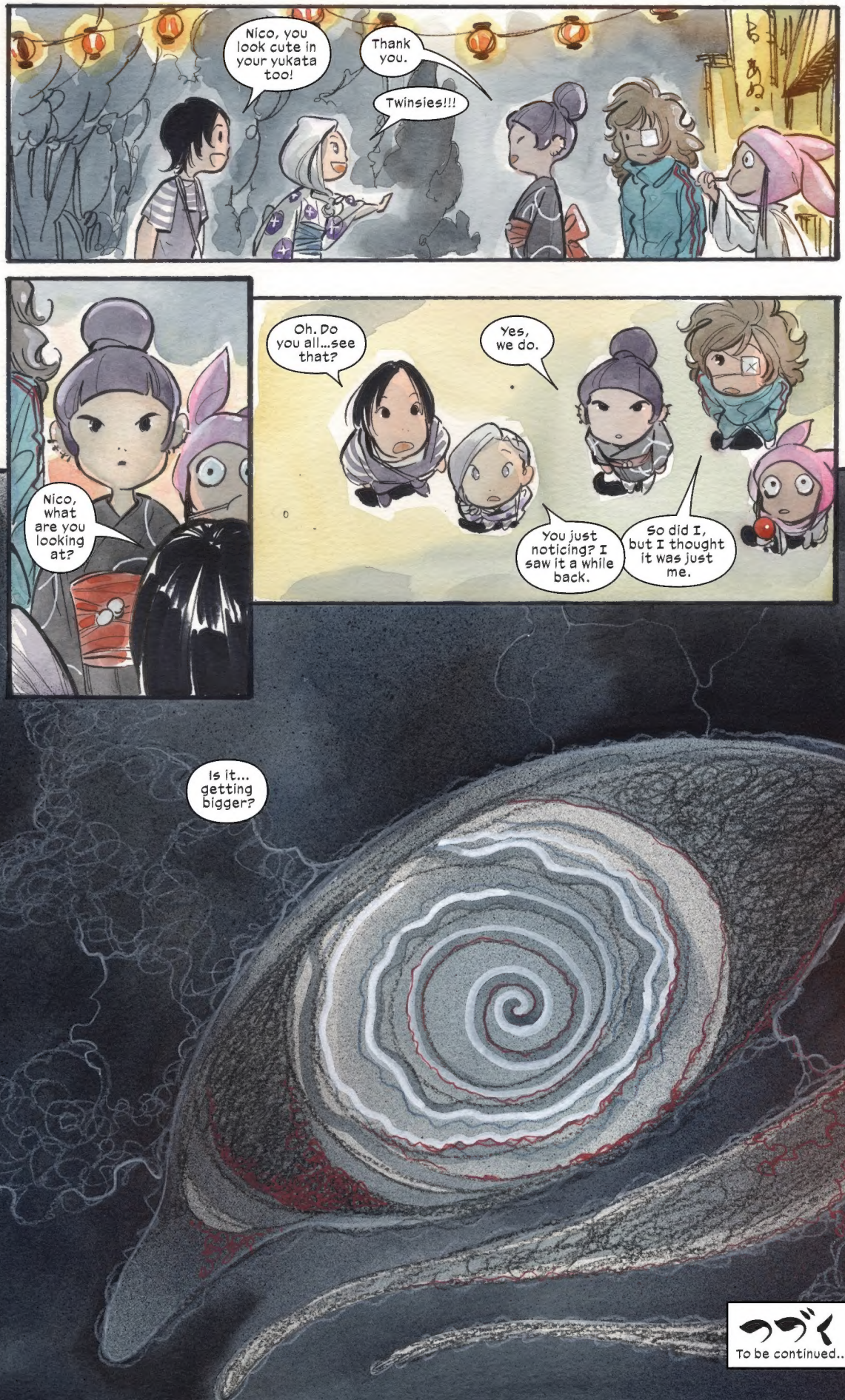
Nico, you look cute in your yukata too!
Thank you.
Twinsies!!!
Nico, what are you looking at?
Oh. Do you all...see that?
Yes, we do.
You just noticing? I saw it a while back.
So did I, but I thought it was just me.
Is it... getting bigger?
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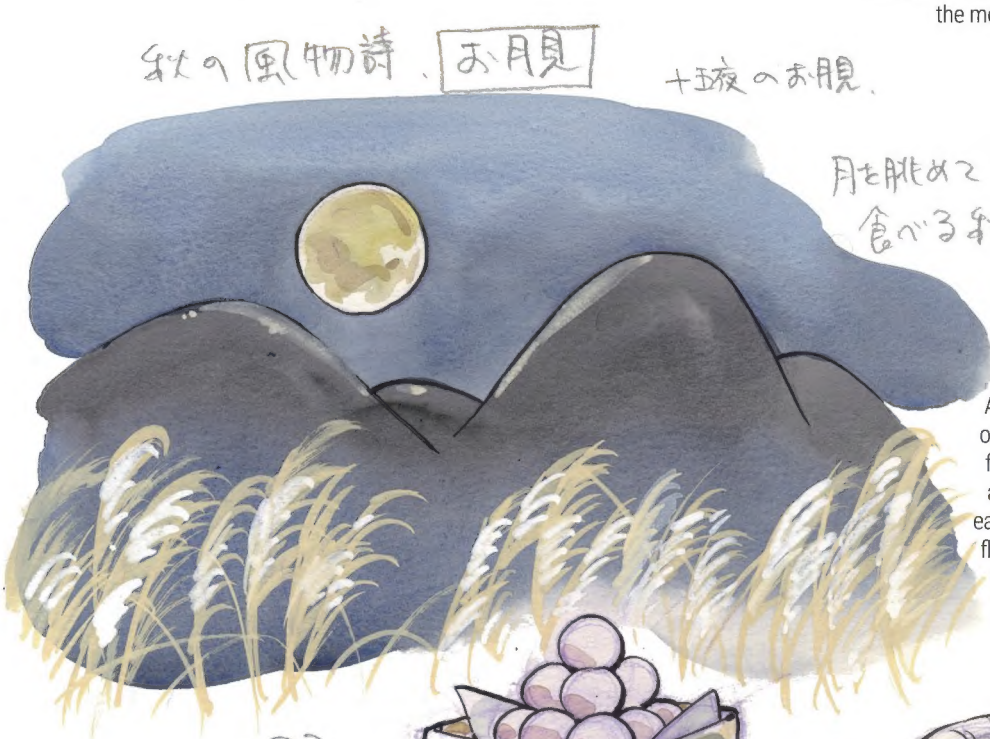
LEXICON

TSUKIMI

"Moon Viewing"—festivals honoring the autumn moon.

Autumn is the season of the year when the moon is the most beautiful.



JUGOYA

A festival celebrated on the fifteenth night from the start of the autumn season. We eat dango (sweet rice flour dumplings) and stare at the moon.

It is said that on the face of the full moon, you can see a rabbit making mochi.